

GVMPA

General Association Meeting – October 1, 2019

1. Approval of September minutes—Moved, seconded and approved
2. Reports from Officers and Representatives
 1. Student officer reports – Katelyn DePaula, Jack Schadt— Katelyn visited a college today; Jack, busy down the hall at play rehearsal, came by during the meeting. Jack's report: just got music for candlelight processional at Disney. Last Friday, 8 GV Chambers students participated in the High School Honors Choir at West Chester University, joining 156 other high school singers from southeastern Pennsylvania, for a choral music workshop with the professor, culminating in a concert. Jack also reported that Drama Guild is working on The 39 Steps—a comedic parody of the Hitchcock film. Coming along great. Performances are Friday and Saturday, November 22 and 23.
 2. President report – Tom DeTulio
 - Mums—Sold over 1100 plants. Beautiful, but a logistical challenge.
 - Elementary School concern—Will Shafer shared some attrition data of elementary music students over the last couple of years; Tom and Danielle are reviewing to see if the reduced teacher resources in the elementary schools is resulting in less student participation. It's a situation that GVMPA is watching.
 - Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation—last Friday's Football game also included a lemonade stand for ALSF. Jackie Radcliffe does a great job running the effort. GVMPA invested in yellow bandanas for the band and shack volunteers to show support. GVMPA also provided free hotdogs for the Youth football, which the Gridiron reimbursed GVMPA by paying the cost of the hot dogs forward to ALSF (\$200). GVMPA also provided Shack tip jars (\$100+) and \$1 off fries coupons for anyone buying lemonade.
 - 88 Keys—Tom has had discussions with Ashley Vogel, topics including the need for a new piano. Working on a fundraiser based on supporting the purchase, one key at a time.
 - Auditorium Lighting/Mics—another issue is hot lighting and sound systems that need upgrades at the HS and General Wayne. Some interest from the HS management to funding the needed replacement cooler lighting and better sound. GVMPA will watch to see if the infrastructure work is undertaken by the district, but if not some funding sources could also be GVMPA, DG, GVMSTC, etc.
 - Sponsorship—GVMPA is driving revenue with an email reach-out to the membership of the Association. Matthew White suggested adding the idea of employer matches to the next communication to multiply contributions by families with matching.
 - 10/15 Feasibility Study—October 15 meeting open to the public on feasibility for upgrades for the schools (upgrades for the HS auditorium, e.g.)
 3. Treasurer's report – Alex Nikas—see report uploaded to GVMPA website
 1. Taken in \$1000 so far from donations from sponsorship email!!
 2. Took in about \$5000 in shack proceeds at Friday's game. Great!
 3. Ordered more merchandise, including sweats!!
 4. The school district will reimburse for fuel for the trailer.
 5. Amazon prime account helps with shack supplies and other things, so GVMPA pays for that
 6. Moved and seconded, with all present in approval.
 4. Financial Secretary report – Matthew White
 1. Sold a few mums! (Very successful mums fundraiser.)
 2. Coffee fundraiser coming soon—perfect for chilly fall days!
 3. Poinsettias fundraiser coming thereafter.

4. Matthew yielded the floor to Jack Schadl to report for choir.
5. And then, gentlemanly, Matthew further yielded to Mr Cohen for his report.
5. HS Choir Director Report – Ashley Vogel—Jack Shadl, President of the Choir made the report. See above.
6. HS Instrumental Director Report – Sean Cohen
 1. Symphony Orchestra on Wednesday early morning going well.
 2. Jazz rehearsals are about gaining confidence as jazz musicians
 3. Marching Band came in first in the category last Saturday cavalcade. The message of the Two Wolves is starting the gain traction.
 4. Playing pre-game at away-game at Henderson next Friday, so the students and volunteer chaperones will need to leave a little earlier.
 5. The group had a conversation with Sean about whether he has the things he needs and his ability to do “it all.” He told us that he’s very happy working with the greatest students at GV, who enjoy music so much.
3. Unfinished Business
 1. Perpetual Plaques
4. New Business—none for tonight; except that the first association member not present at the meeting to contact financial secretary Matthew White, via contact@gvmpa.org, wins a special prize of significant value.
5. Committee Reports / Planning
 1. Shack—Danielle Werkeiser, VP of GVMPA, thanked the volunteers! Homecoming and Senior Night are big nights for the shack. **Volunteers are critical, especially at Homecoming (hungry crowds) and Senior Night** when parents of seniors are on the field at halftime and not working in the shack. Shack Attack II—fall clean up projected for Tuesday Oct 29 or Nov 5.
 2. Homecoming (Oct 18/19) / Senior Night (Oct 25)—GVMPA contributions beyond running the shack for the football game: Alex drives the trailer in the HC parade; GVMPA making bouquets with footballers. (Tom lamented that moms get bouquets but he wouldn’t mind one himself.)
 3. Marching Band Banquet—Nov 24, 11-2. \$20 for band members; \$35 for guests
 4. Website—Laura reported that the website is done. Would be great to upload new pictures as new activities occur, without one person having to upload and maintain. Tom is looking for a way to stream GV music-related content without the work of maintaining. Tech ideas welcome.
 5. Communications—Laura House-Kelly, GVMPA Board Member at Large, and Jen Armstrong, GVMPA Member and generous volunteer, are working on a monthly newsletter. Stories of interest to the Association and upcoming music happenings across the entire school district. **Volunteers to work with Laura and Jen would be great—especially parents with kids in elementary and middle school.** Simple contributions, e.g., photo plus short narrative to explain the activity—elementary school concert, MS students at Hershey, etc.
 6. Volunteers—GVMPA is in 10 times better shape than in past years, but we could always use more help from the parents. It’s a challenge to secure necessary parent help to chaperone marching band trips or fully staff the shack. More help in communication arena would make the newsletter a reality. So—Thanks to volunteers! And keep it coming!
 7. Disney—last payment of \$400 is due on October 4; Next parent Meeting is on November 13 at 7:00.
 8. Designer Bag Bingo – May 2 (Saturday). Cinco de Mayo theme!
6. Upcoming Events and Key Activities
 1. Friday, October 4 – Away Football – Henderson
 2. Friday, October 11 – Away Football – Oxford

3. Saturday, October 12 – Cavalcade – Upper Moreland
4. Friday, October 18 – Home Football – Kennett (Homecoming)
5. Friday, October 25 – Home Football – Bishop Shanahan (Senior Night)
6. Saturday, October 26 – Cavalcade – Phoenixville
7. Sunday, October 27 – Malvern Halloween Parade
8. Friday, November 1 – Playoff Game?
9. Saturday, November 2 – Cavalcade – Conestoga
10. Wednesday, November 6 – Membership Meeting

7. Adjournment—moved, seconded, approved.